**TOMPKINS** COUNTY

2015

Office of **Human Rights** 

LOCAL **ENFORCEMENT UPDATE** 

> **National** Origin

> > Retaliation

14%

Local Enforcement Activity	No.	Intake Defined
Pre-Intake Referrals	280	The process of engaging
Intakes Post-Intake Referrals (109) Reasonable Accommodation Requests (18)		with clients for the purpose of determining whether their allegations meet the
Prior Conviction Letters/Art. 23 NYSCL (8)	135	necessary threshold for a
Pre-Complaint Conciliation Program (Voluntary Only)	0	formal filing of a
Complaint Filing (Referred to Outside Agency)	3	discrimination complaint
Post-Complaint Consultation/Assistance	25	with a state or federal administrative agency.
Total Number of Activities	443	

## **Local Trends**

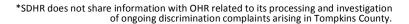
Comparisons between local intakes of unlawful discrimination (OHR) and those made directly to the State (SDHR), reveal some notable trends. Of note, are the differences in the types of complaints reported and which agency a County resident contacts for assistance.

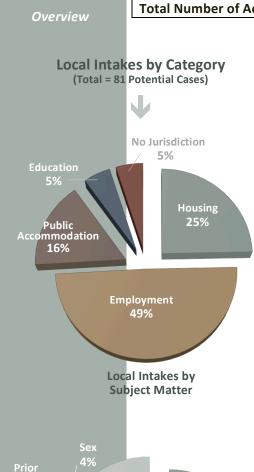
Subject Matter Comparisons — State and Local\*

Subject Matter	State Cases	Local Intakes
Employment	83%	49%
Housing	10%	25%
Public Acc.	4%	16%
Education	n/a	5%
Other	3%	5%

Residents who filed complaints directly with the State, (thereby bypassing the local office) predominantly claimed to be victims of employment discrimination. This trend may be explained by the fact that residents generally have a better understanding of their employment rights due to the presence of mandated trainings and notices in the workplace, which for the most part, direct potential complainants to a state or federal agency if attempts to resolve the matter internally have failed.

On the other hand, residents seeking assistance from OHR are more likely to need and/or take advantage of additional protected areas under the law. For example, OHR sees a much larger share of housing and public accommodation intakes compared to State proportions. It may be important to note that OHR delivers a host of fair housing programs and trainings each year which may account for this trend. The larger share of public accommodation inquiries may be due to the fact that the OHR office is centrally located in Ithaca's downtown along with many places of public accommodation, making it convenient for residents to immediately report to OHR what they believe to be a discriminatory act.





Disability

33%

Race/Color

25%

**Local Intakes by Protected Class** 

(More than one category may be claimed)